**Faculty Senate Public Engagement and Outreach Council (FSPEOC)**
**AGENDA**
**September 29, 2023**
**9:00 – 10:15 AM**
**Via ZOOM**

**In attendance:**

Joseph Krupczynski, Sara Whitcomb, Heidi Bauer-Clapp, Elena Carbone, Terre Parker, Hyeyoung Kate Park, Giverson Mupambi, Isabel Espinal, Sigrid Schmalzer, Karen Shulz Battistoni, Lisa Troy, Rose Webster-Smith

## I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

New and existing members introductions:

Joseph (introduced before recording) Director of Civice Engagement and Service Learning, Dept of Architecture, been on committee for several years as faculty and CESL. Work is focused on participatory-based architecture and obstacles of interfacing with architecture.

Heidi (introduced before recording)

Isabel—hired as “outreach” librarian 25 years ago. Used to belong to the ”Outreach Council.” Proposed new position for Native American and Indigenous studies librarian, which was accepted as a 3-year position, with possible renewal. Works on how we use space on the campus to create community reading rooms (Latinx and Indigenous readings rooms).

Lisa—School of Public Health/Honors College, Director of Public Engagement Project. Teach a course in Honors College where students work with policy makers to research what they are interested in (e.g., food insecurity among college students). Research focuses on food environment and food systems, creating health behaviors and healthy environments.

Giverson—Extension assistant professor in UMass Cranberry Station. Research is connected to what issues growers are facing and to increase their productivity.

Terre—Program coordinator for arts extension service. Part of arts management program which includes an arts entrepreneurship

initiative connecting students to nonprofits and independent artists. Background is in dance and community-based dance with intergenerational groups.

Sara Whitcomb—Professor in school psychology. Working for last 4 years in partnership with UMass Boston, Boston Children's Hospital, and Department of Mental Health to develop a statewide technical assistance center for school-based behavioral health. Currently working with Public Health Institute of Western MA on Behavioral Health Roadmap.

Sigrid—Professor in history and representing MSP. Works on history of science activism. Outreach and engagement through Science for the People as part of local and national chapters. Working with coalition of unions and students on this campus that works on environmental justice. Working with community partners to figure out how UMass can serve grassroots organizing better.

Rose-Director of Springfield No one Leave, grassroots justice and housing organization. Works on housing and economic justice across Springfield and 4 counties.

Karen-Previously working through alumni relations and now working with Elaine Marieb Center for Nursing and Engineering Innovation. Working to bring community partners to this collaboration between nursing and engineering.

Elena—Department of nutrition and associate dean for curriculum and academic oversight for Honors College.  Connections with communities through oversight of honors' theses. Research based on community-based public health and nutrition interventions in multicultural communities.

Hye Young—Assistant professor in nursing. Research and teaching is community based and focuses on palliative care.

(Sara will come back to zoom and highlight introductions so that we have a record of everyone's engagement)

## II. LOGISTICS

a. Review/Approve Minutes from April 28, 2023 FSPEOC Meeting
    i. Minutes approved.
b. Review Agenda
c. Selection and vote on council co-chairs.
    i. Sara and Joseph self-nominated. Vote from council was unanimously in favor.

## III. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FSPEOC ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

a. Discuss and Establish Council Sub-Committees:
    i. Hoping that folks will join one of the committees this year
- Distinguished Community Engagement Awards Sub-Committee
    - Will need to organize informational session, logistics on organizing application materials and review
    - **Interest:** Isabel (second choice), Giverson (second choice), Heidi (second choice), Hye Young (top choice)
- New Membership Recruitment Sub-Committee
    - Need Engineering, Isenberg, SBS?
    - Talking to Laura Vanderberg would be helpful to get her ideas
    - **Interest:** Giverson (top choice), Terre (second choice), Sigrid (second choice)
- Carnegie Classification Task Force Sub-Committee
    - Chancellor had requested that a task force be developed that includes more voices across campus than only this council (Chancellor designee, Vice Chancellor for University Relations, VCRE, Secretary of FS, Chair of FSPEOC, 2 folks from this group, faculty/librarian appointed by rules committee, president of undergraduate student association and graduate senate)
    - Joseph is Co-Chair of the task force with Dean of Public Health

- Need two additional people on this council to participate on the task force (this will be the work of the sub-committee)
- Likely monthly meetings with work in between
- Elena needed to leave early but will circle back to discuss her interest in this
- **Interest:** Isabel (top choice; librarian perspective), Heidi (top choice; graduate school perspective), Lisa (top choice; Director of PEP and lots of service learning)
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  - Discussion—Should Springfield Community Organization effort be its own subcommittee?
    - **Interest:** Terre (top choice), Sigrid (top choice)

b. Update on Springfield Community Organization efforts
   i. Table this until next meeting, when we can have a longer discussion. “sub group” will meet prior and make some plans about next steps.
c. Discussion and Planning for Fall event with last year’s award winners
   i. Discussed the idea of merging the informational session with panel of awardees
   ii. Joseph will ask OFD if there are better or worse times of year to engage faculty in events
   iii. Discussed having it at least one month before due date

IV. **NEW BUSINESS/ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a.** Email from Laura Vandenberg about listening sessions about community based research but not everyone got it. Joseph will ask her about this.